(g) Out of 1946 candidates called for the second written test, 412 belonged to Scheduled Caste and 215 belonged to Scheduled Tribe communities. However, the statistics for backward classes as such are not maintained .

Statement

(e) CID State Police made inquiries on the basis of an F.I.R. lodged by Railway Recruitment Board, Madras that during the examination, one candidate was found copying from a small chit which contained the answers to the objective type of questions for the examination and leakage of question papers was suspected in connivance with some persons. After inquiries, CID State Police closed the case as "mistake of facts" on the ground that it was only a solitary case and the connivance of the persons named in the F.I.R. in the leakage of the question papers could not be established. However, subsequent vigilance inquiries conducted on receipt of fresh complaints and information revealed that this was not a solitary case but answers of a large proportion of the top candidates were found to be the same as contained in the recovered chit. Even then the process of selection was continued by holding interviews of the candidates who qualified for the same. But during the interview, it was noticed that the performance of a large number of candidates was grossly incompatible with their performance in the written test.

It was, therefore decided that a second written examination for the candidates who had qualified for interview, may be held, which, while providing equal opportunities to these candidates to complete, will also ensure fair selection in the public interest. Accordingly, the Railway Recruitment Board, Madras issued orders for the second written examination.

Instructions for fire protection measures Issued by CSIR

3571. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research had issued instructions to various Government Departments in or around April, 1990 for taking various fire protection measures;

(b) whether the CSIR had suggested among other fire safety measures the use of fire protection doors and windows to be used in multi-stroyed buildings of the Government and in various other public premises;

(c) whether CSIR's instructions in the matter have not been acted upon by a number of Government agencies so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what further steps are being taken to get the fire safety rules followed and to use fire protection doors and windows ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research had not conveyed any instructions of the Government in relation to fire protection and fire safety measures. In April, 1990 the CSIR brought to the notice of the various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India the technologies available from the CSIR laboratories in these areas. Such technologies include fire treatment of doors, windows and partitions made of wood, Glass Reinforced Gypsum Boards as a substitute for wood and fire-proofing of thatched roofs.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

3572. [*Transferred to the 6th September,* 1990.]

Social welfare projects/Activities carried on by Catholic Relief Services

3573. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the various social welfare projects/activities carried on in different parts of the country by the Catholic Relief Services, a voluntary organisation based in New Delhi; and whether certain allegations of misuse of funds and materials by them have been reported recently in the press;

(b) the total foreign amounts received by this organisation from the USA annually and what check is exercised by the Government to ensure proper utilisation of the money received by them; and

(c) whether it is propsed to bring this voluntary organisation under the FC(R) Act, 1976 purview for effective control on spending of funds; if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Supply of salty water in DIZ Area

3574. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that water supplied by the NDMC in Sector-4 of DIZ Area is salty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the residents of this area have to fetch drinking water from the nearby tap installed in Kali Mandir;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint from the residents of this area in this regard; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take to provide fresh and salt-free drinking water to the residents of this Government colony ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The water supplied by the NDMC in the DIZ area is not salty. However, the water supplied by the CPWD through the tubewells bored by them to supplement the supplies by the NDMC, which is insufficient due to overall shortage in bulk supply of water in Delhi, though potable, has a saltish taste.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to make the drinking water available to the residents, the CPWD have provided some taps from the NDMC supply line in all the parks near the blocks. Additional water hydrants have also been installed by the NDMC in various blocks in the area on the request of the allottees.

Completion and Survey of Railway Lines in Orissa

3575. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway lines in Orissa which are under survey and which survey has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). Surveys have been approved for the following new lines in Orissa :—

(i) Survey for the proposed new railway line from Jakhapura to Paradip.

(ii) Quick Reappraisal Survey for the proposed Talcher-Barhampur-Gopalpur new line.

(iii) Updating of the survey for conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi NG line.

As the Railway already has in hand a number of important surveys, the surveys in Orissa ordered recently will also take some time to complete.

The following surveys for railway lines in Orissa have been completed :

S.No.	Name of Survey	Survey Completed in year	Length (Km)	Estimated Cost (Rs. crores)	Return %
	SURVEYS COMPLETED				
1.	Rupsa-Bangriposi Conversion NG to BG and its extension to Dalbhumgarh . . .	1979	131	20·63	2·43
2.	Khurda Road-Balangir (BG)	1986	289	208·80	1·00
3.	Daitari-Banspani Final Location Traffic Survey .	1974-75	143	67·39	5·21